

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application claims 1-26, of which claims 1 and 14 are independent. No claims are being added or cancelled.

Applicants present this Amendment Under Rule 312 to correct minor informalities in some of the dependent claims. These informalities arose in part due to the amendments in the independent claims that was set forth in the Notice of Allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments do not in any way alter the scope of the claims or require substantial consideration on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, favorable consideration and entry of those amendments is respectfully sought.

Applicants also submit with this Amendment Under Rule 312 a sworn translation of the priority document. This sworn translation of the priority document is being presented for the record to make clear to the public that Japanese Patent Document 2003-81517, filed in an Information Disclosure Statement on February 14, 2006, is not prior art against this application.

Favorable consideration and entry of the above amendments is now respectfully sought.

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